

Committee Meetings

MILITARY COMMISSIONS AND TRIBUNALS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals. Testimony was heard from Steven Bradbury, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Daniel J. Dell’Orto, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense; Theodore Olson, former Solicitor General of the United States; and RADM John Hutson, USN, (Ret.), former Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy.

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT AND DISABLED STUDENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “No Child Left Behind: Ensuring High Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students and Students with Disabilities.” Testimony was heard from Keith Buchanan, English for Speakers of Other Languages Office Coordinator, Fairfax County Public Schools, State of Virginia; Margaret McLeod, Executive Director, Office of Bilingual Education, Public Schools, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4591, Stockholm and Rotterdam Toxics Treaty Act of 2005; H.R. 2567, Antifreeze Bittering Act of 2005; and H.R. 5337, Reform of National Security Reviews of Foreign Direct Investments Act.

INDUSTRIAL LOAN CORPORATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “ILCs—A Review of Charter, Ownership, and Supervision Issues.” Testimony was heard from Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Douglas H. Jones, Acting General Counsel, FDIC; Rick Hillman, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; G. Edward Leary, Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

DIVERSITY—GAO PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Diversity: the GAO Perspective.” Testimony was heard from Orice M. Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S. ELECTRICITY GRID STABILITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Can the U.S. Electric Grid Take Another Hot Summer?” Testimony was heard from Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—TERRORIST RADICALIZATION PROCESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessments held a briefing on the terrorist radicalization process, including specific examples of the process at work. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

NEW YORK 9/11 ASSISTANCE FRAUD

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Federal 9/11 Assistance to New York: Lessons Learned in Fraud Detection, Prevention, and Control,” Part I, “Response.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Joe Picciano, Deputy Director, Region II, FEMA; and Richard Skinner, Inspector General; Greg Lutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; the following officials of New York City: Rose Gill Hearn, Commissioner, Department of Investigation; and David J. Varoli, General Counsel, Department of Design and Construction; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2965, amended, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2005; H.R. 1369, To prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property; H.R. 4772, amended, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2005; and H.R. 4132, amended, Law Enforcement Cooperation Act of 2005.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3558, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2005; H.R. 5282, Southern California Desert Region Integrated Water and Economic Sustainability Plan Act; H.R. 5299, Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Revision Act of 2006; and H.R. 5715, To make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992. Testimony was heard from William E. Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule providing 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 9, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

OVERSIGHT—WRIGHT AMENDMENT REFORM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing entitled "Reforming the Wright Amendment." Testimony was heard from Representatives Hall, Barton of Texas, Sam Johnson of Texas, Granger, Hensarling and Burgess; Michael Cirillo, Vice President, System Operations, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; the following Mayors of Texas: Laura Miller, Dallas; and Mike Moncrief, Fort Worth; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION—CREATE ADDITIONAL REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Appalachian Regional Commission and proposals to Create Additional Regional Economic Development Authorities. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bass, McHugh and McIntyre; the following officials of the Appalachian Regional Commission: Anne B. Pope, Fed-

eral Co-Chair; and Steve Robertson, Alternate to the States' Co-Chair; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL MARKER ACT OF 2006

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5038, Veterans' Memorial Marker Act of 2006.

U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the implementation of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. Testimony was heard from Everett Eissenstat, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Americas; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D752)

H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard. Signed on July 11, 2006. (Public Law 109-241)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and an original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine unmanned aerial systems in Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine H.R. 5254, to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revisions to the particulate matter air quality standards, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, 10 a.m., SD-215.